

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF AUSTELL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019**

Present:

Marlin Lamar  
Valerie Anderson  
Ollie Clemons  
Scott Thomas  
Randy Green

Absent: Mayor Joe Jerkins  
Sandra Leverette  
Elizabeth Young

Also present were: Scott Kimbrough, City Attorney; Denise Soesbee, Finance Director; Bo Garrison, Public Works Director; Jim Graham, Community Development Director; Pat Maxwell, Fire Chief, and Kiona Warren, Deputy Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Clemons called the meeting to order and Pastor Billy Hooper gave the Invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Clemons led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro Tem Clemons asked if anyone needed to add items to the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Clemons stated he needed to add item 7B. Mrs. Anderson stated she needed to add item 11B. Mr. Thomas stated he needed to add item 12B.

*Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to approve added items to the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed. (4-0)*

**2. CONSENT AGENDA – INFORMATION AND UPDATE**

**(No Action Required by Council – See Specific Department Director before a Meeting.)**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Bills
- B. Approve Legal Bills \$1,490.00
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting January 7, 2019

*Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion passed (4-0).*

**4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA**

## **5. CITIZENS REPORT**

Ms. Monica Delancey stated she was from the Riverside community & spoke about what is taking place in this community.

Ms. Joy Anderson spoke about making Mableton being in Unincorporated Cobb. Mayor Pro Tem Clemons stated they are aware of what is going on Cobb is investigating some areas.

## **6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE JOE JERKINS**

Mr. Kimbrough stated everything is still looking good right now.

## **7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON Denise Soesbee, Finance Director**

- A. Financial Report
- B. 2018-2019 Budget Revision-ADA Compliance Audit  
The purpose is to amend the original 2018-19 budget moving funds from Threadmill budget to General Fund budget to fund an ADA Compliance Audit up to \$11,000.

*Mrs. Anderson made a motion to approve the budget revision. Seconded by Mr. Lamar. Motion passed. (4-0)*

## **8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SANDRA LEVERETTE, CHAIRPERSON Elizabeth Young, Director**

- A. Election Qualifying Dates  
Election qualifying dates will be August 19, 20, & 21, 2019 for the November 5, 2019 election.

*Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the election qualifying dates. Seconded by Mr. Lamar. Motion passed. (4-0)*

## **9. POLICE DEPARTMENT RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON Bob Starrett, Police Chief**

- A. Police Report

**10. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**MARLIN LAMAR, CHAIRPERSON**  
**Pat Maxwell, Fire Chief**

A. Fire Report

**11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**VALERIE ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON**  
**Bo Garrison, Director**

A. Adoption of 2019-2023 Water Conservation Rate Schedule

It is the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to adopt the following water rate increases as proposed by Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority to become effective January 1, of each year. The governmental contractual water rate would be increased by 2 percent, or \$0.06 per 1,000 gallons. The annual rate increase by Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority has been established for the next (5) years.

| Inside city & Austell Box Board    | Current | PROPOSED |       |       |       |       |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                    |         | 2019     | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  |
| First 2,000 gallons (Minimum bill) | 10.06   | 10.46    | 10.88 | 11.32 | 11.78 | 12.26 |
| 2,001 gallons to 7,000 gallons     | 4.27    | 4.44     | 4.62  | 4.80  | 4.99  | 5.19  |
| 7,001 gallons to 15,000 gallons    | 4.90    | 5.10     | 5.30  | 5.51  | 5.73  | 5.96  |
| 15,001 gallons and above           | 6.80    | 7.07     | 7.35  | 7.64  | 7.95  | 8.27  |

| Outside City                       | Current | PROPOSED |       |       |       |       |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                    |         | 2019     | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  |
| First 2,000 gallons (Minimum bill) | 10.56   | 10.98    | 11.42 | 11.88 | 12.36 | 12.86 |
| 2,001 gallons to 7,000 gallons     | 4.52    | 4.70     | 4.89  | 5.09  | 5.29  | 5.50  |
| 7,001 gallons to 15,000 gallons    | 5.21    | 5.42     | 5.64  | 5.87  | 6.10  | 6.34  |
| 15,001 gallons and above           | 7.30    | 7.59     | 7.89  | 8.21  | 8.54  | 8.88  |

The rate schedule above is based on the required Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning Districts Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plans three-tiered rate structure. The purpose of this structure is to encourage water conservation.

*Mrs. Anderson made a motion to approve the rate schedule. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed. (4-0)*

**B. ADA Transition Plan**

It is the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve the Engineering Services with Keck & Wood to conduct the ADA Transitional Plan which will be done within 7 weeks from the notice to proceed. The funds for this project will be from the Threadmill budget account number 100-1565-52-1200 and should not exceed the amount of \$11,000.00.

*Mrs. Anderson made a motion to approve the transition plan. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed. (4-0)*

**12. PARKS DEPARTMENT**  
**SCOTT THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON**  
**Jim Graham, Director**

**A. Christmas Tree**

The Parks Committee recommends the purchase of a new 30 ft. Christmas tree. The tree we are currently using for the tree lighting each year is ten years old and has become warped and dangerous. We plan to surplus the old tree for around \$5,000 or more. We will not have to pay for the tree until August of 2019, so it will be budgeted in for the new fiscal year.

The cost of the tree will be \$16,161.00 + \$4,800.00 for ornaments and star for a total of \$20,961.00 plus shipping which is not known at this time.

*Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the Christmas tree. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed. (4-0)*

**B. Veteran's Memorial Park/United States Donations Program**

The Parks Department recommends the approval of up to \$40,000 in SPLOST funds to meet the requirements of the United States Army Donations of Combat Material for Municipalities.

The Parks Department will request two (2) pieces of Combat Equipment to be placed in Veteran's Memorial Park. The SPLOST funds will pay for demilitarization/radiological, release, and transportation cost.

The city of Austell will assume all responsibility for the upkeep and safety of the display with the understanding that equipment cannot be placed on privately owned property.

Mayor Pro Tem Clemons stated there will be shipping cost & it cannot go on private property, it must be on City owned property. Therefore, we qualify for several pieces.

*Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the program. Seconded by Mr. Green.  
Motion passed. (4-0)*

**13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**  
**OLLIE CLEMONS, CHAIRPERSON**  
**Jim Graham, Director**

A. New Variance Board Member

It is the recommendation of the Community Affairs Department to add Joy Anderson as a variance board member.

*Mr. Thomas made a motion to add the new variance board member. Seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion passed. (4-0)*

B. Code Enforcement Report

**14. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH**

A. No Report

**15. MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. CMA Meeting

February 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm  
City of Austell  
5000 Austell Powder Springs Road, Ste. 147  
Austell, GA 30106

**16. ADJOURN**

*Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Clemons to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed. (4-0)*